

FAX RECEIVED

WAYNE J. COLTON, INC.

APR 30 1999
GROUP 3600

Patent Prosecution ~ United States Patent and Trademark Office

The Milam Building Suite 1108
115 East Travis Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Official

Tel: (210) 222-8455
Fax: (210) 222-8445

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The document(s) accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information that may be legally privileged. The information is intended only for the official use of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone to arrange for the return to us of the original document(s). You are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying or further distribution of this telecopied information, or the taking of any action in reliance upon the content thereof, is strictly prohibited.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. VRZALIK

Serial No.: 08/904,121

Filed: July 31, 1997

Title: BARIATRIC BED APPARATUS AND
METHODS

§ Docket No. 1001.1020
 § Group Art Unit: 3508
 § Examiner: PHAM, T.
 §
 §
 §
 §

The documents transmitted herewith are submitted **FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**. Please forward all documents to the Examiner in charge **WITHOUT** entry.

PLEASE ENTER all documents transmitted herewith in the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

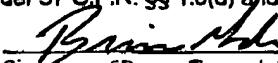

 Wayne J. Colton
 Agent for Applicant
 Registration No. 40,962

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6(d) and 1.8)

I hereby certify that this facsimile is being transmitted to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6(d) and 1.8, to facsimile number (703) 305-7687 on April 30, 1999.

04/30/99

Date


 Signature of Person Transmitting

Brian Goode

Printed Name of Person Transmitting

WAYNE J. COLTON, INC.

Patent Prosecution ~ United States Patent and Trademark Office
The Milam Building Suite 1108
115 East Travis Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Tel: (210) 222-8455
Fax: (210) 222-8445

FAX RECEIVED

April 30, 1999

APR 30 1999

GROUP 3600

PATENTS

Assistant Comm'r for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Official

RE: Invention Title BARIATRIC BED APPARATUS AND METHODS
Serial Number 08/904,121
Filing Date July 31, 1997
Inventor(s) John H. VRZALIK

Docket Number 1001.1020

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above referenced matter, please find the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (37 CFR §§1.6(d), 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being transmitted to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, facsimile number (703) 305-7687, on April 30, 1999.

04/30/99
Date:

Brian Goode
Signature of Person Transmitting

Brian Goode
Name of Person Transmitting

WAYNE J. COLTON, INC.

No fee is required with this filing.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0489 in the amount of \$ 36.00. **A COPY OF THIS LETTER IS ATTACHED.**

The Commissioner has been authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0489.

A check in the amount of \$ *** is enclosed herewith.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEES: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee as may be required under 37 CFR §§1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the prosecution of the above referenced application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0489, without further or more specific authorization.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne J. Colton
Agent for Applicant
Registration No. 40,962

Dated: 04/30/99
WAYNE J. COLTON, INC.
The Milam Building Suite 1108
115 East Travis Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205
Telephone: 210 222 8455
Telecopier: 210 222 8445